GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Agricultural Marketing Department – Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad – Complaint No.1584/2012/B2 filed by Sri Ravipati Ramu, – Allegations against certain employees of Marketing Department – Charges framed – Written Statement of Defence received - Entrustment of case to Commissioner of Inquiries – Inquiry Report submitted – Inquiry report communicated – Written representation received – Awarding a penalty of "Censure" – Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 840 Dated: 11-12-2020

Read the following:-

1. From the Registrar, Institution of Lokayukta, A.P., Hyd., Lr. Dis.No. 1584/2012/B2/3230/2015, Dated: 11.05.2015.
2. From the C&DoAM, A.P., Guntur Lr.No.Ec-T/63/2015/DEE.II/ Report on allegations/Lokayukta, dt.31.10.2016.
3. G.O.Rt.No.8 to 15, A&C(Vig.II) Dept, dt:16.01.2017.
4. G.O.Ms.No.5, A&C(Vig.II) Dept., dt:20.01.2017
5. G.O.Rt.No.35, A&C(Vig.II) Dept., dt:20.01.2017.
6. W.S.D. of Sri D.Veerabhadra Rao, D.E.E. dt:07.02.2017.
7. G.O.Rt.No.304, A&C(VIg.II) Dept., dt:07.05.2018.
8. G.O.Rt.No.292, A&C(VIg.II) Dept., dt:12.04.2019.
9. Inquiry Report of COI-JS, D.O.Lr.No.21/COI-JS/2019, dt:18.03.2020.
10. Govt. Memo.No.4406/Vig.II(1)/2015, dt:02.06.2020.
11. Explanation received from Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, D.E.E.(AM), O/o DEE, Kakinada, dt:04.07.2020.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Registrar, Institution of Lokayukta, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that, the Hon'ble Upa Lokayukta vide orders dt:08.04.2015 in Complaint No.1584/2012/B2 has referred the matter to the Government under Rule 5(8) of the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta Rules, 1984, to conduct departmental enquiry as per Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules against the persons responsible.

2. As per the enquiry report of the Deputy Director (Investigation), article of charges were issued to the following (9) officers for the alleging corruption and malpractices in execution of works in various Agricultural Market Committees in the references 3rd to 5th read above:-

1. Sri K. Jayasekhar, EE (AM), Vijayawada
2. Sri Y.A.V.S.R.K. Prasad, DEE (AM), Vijayawada
3. Sri V.S.R.K. Prasad, AEE (AM), Vijayawada
4. Sri P. Gopi, AEE (AM), Vijayawada
5. Sri M.Venugopal Rao, EE (AM), Guntur
6. Sri D.Veerabhadra Rao, DEE, (AM) Electrical, Vijayawada.
7. Sri D. Kotaiah, AE (AM), Guntur
8. Sri P. Venkateswar Rao, AE (AM), Guntur
9. Sri P.V.S.Chalapathi Rao, Asst. Engineer (AM), Guntur

3. All the charged officers have submitted their written statements of defence except Sri K.Jayasekhar, Executive Engineer (AM), Vijayawada, denying the

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charges framed against them. After examining the written statements of defence of the charged officers, it has been decided to conduct a detailed inquiry into the charges framed against them as their written statements of defence are not convincing. Accordingly, in the reference 7th read above, Sri K.Sahadeva Reddy, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration (COI) Department has been appointed as Inquiring Authority to inquire into all the disciplinary cases against the above Charged Officers and Sri S.Sidda Reddy, Executive Engineer (AM), Guntur was appointed as Presenting Officer. Subsequently in the reference 8th read above, Sri J.Satyanarayana, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries has been appointed as Inquiring Authority.

4. In the reference 9th read above, the Inquiring Authority/ Commissioner of Inquiries has furnished his inquiry report stating that, the charges framed against (8) Charged Officers are held as proved and charges against Sri D.Veerabhadra Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer(AM) Electrical, Vijayawada are held as not proved. The charges against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer (AM), O/o. Deputy Executive Engineer, Kakinada are held as proved.

5. In the reference 10th read above, a copy of the Inquiry Report has been communicated to all (9) Charged Officers with a direction to submit their explanations if any on the findings of the Inquiry Officer. In the reference 11th read above, Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer(AM), O/o. Deputy Executive Engineer, Kakinada has submitted his explanation on the findings of the Inquiry Officer.

6. Government, after careful examination in the matter with reference to the findings of Inquiry Officer and representation submitted by the Charged Officer, have decided to impose a penalty of “Censure” against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer (AM), O/o. Deputy Executive Engineer, Kakinada.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a penalty of “Censure” against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer (AM), O/o. Deputy Executive Engineer, Kakinada.

8. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture Marketing, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer(AM), O/o
Deputy Executive Engineer, Kakinada through C&DoAM, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
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